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1. On 9 November, at the invitation of President Dickopf, Chief of the Bundeskriminalamt (BKA), Chief of Station accompanied by the undersigned paid a visit to the BKA in Wiesbaden. The morning was taken up by a lengthy conversation with President Dickopf. During lunch we met most of the division chiefs and after lunch we were shown through the various offices of the BKA headquarters.

2. The morning conversation with Dickopf centered mainly around the results of the State election which had taken place the day before. Dickopf seemed to be extremely pleased with the election results because in his opinion they were a clear-cut repudiation by the voters of both the SPD Ostpolitik and the extremist platforms of the young socialists. Dickopf opined that probably the excesses of the young socialists were more responsible for the SPD losses than the Ostpolitik, however. He pointed out especially that none of the well known young socialists were elected and that in many of the election districts, such as the Dillkreis, which ever since the end of World War I was predominantly red and always had given anywhere from 75 to 85 percent of their votes to the left, the voters for the first time gave the SPD (i.e. the left) less than 50 percent of their votes. He ridiculed the statements by SPD leaders, including Wehner, that the decline of the SPD and the ascendency of the CDU are a clear indication that all of the NPD votes had been given to the CDU. He suggested that since the NPD lost only 100,000 votes someone should ask the SPD leadership from where the other votes came which the CDU had gained. He said that

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<p>during the four years since the last election the population of the Land Hessen had increased by about 300,000 to 400,000 inhabitants, most of which are workers or young people. The SPD, he continued, certainly did not want to admit that they had not been able to get a single new vote from that group. Dickopf is convinced that many of the workers who traditionally voted SPD switched over to the CDU because of the fear engendered by the extreme statements of the young socialists and to a certain extent also by the inflationary trend in the German economy. (During lunch one of his division chiefs, (Herr Lach) stated that four of his children plus the wife of one of them had come to Wiesbaden to vote and in the evening related how they had voted in comparison with the last election. During the last election three out of the five voted SPD, one FDP and one CDU. In this election three voted FDP and two CDU. None voted for the SPD. As a rationale his children stated that on the one hand they felt sorry for the incumbent coalition government because they believed as a whole it was trying to do a good job and they did not want to deny their votes to it and, therefore, gave their respective votes to the FDP. On the other hand, they thought that certain SPD politicians, no specific names mentioned by Herr Lach, were not acting in the best interests of Germany and therefore all of them withheld their votes from the SPD. Chief of Station briefed the DCM orally on his visit to BKA and especially on the opinions of BKA higher officials contained in this paragraph.)</p> <p>3. During the luncheon which was attended by several division and group chiefs (Dr. Mertz, Holle, Middeldorf, Lach), the conversation of course centered around the election results and all of the participants except for Dr. Mertz agreed that the SPD got what was coming to it. It was noteworthy that Dickopf was rather blunt, even in front of such a large audience, composed mainly of his subordinates, in his castigation of the SPD leadership and its Ostpolitik.</p> <p>4. In the afternoon a Fnu Zimmermann escorted Chief of Station and the undersigned through the various file rooms and laboratories of the BKA and although most of it was very interesting, none of it is worthy of reporting. As a general comment, however, it should be stated that it is astounding that the BKA can function as well as it does considering the cramped quarters it occupies and what, in some instances, appeared to be rather primitive equipment. Lest the reader gain the wrong impression, we also saw some new equipment, especially regarding the classification of fingerprints, and other computer equipment from which we gained the distinct impression that the BKA is trying to modernize rather rapidly.</p> <p>5. Before we departed from the BKA, we had another hour's chat with Dickopf during which he told us that <u>he would definitely retire in the summer of 1971</u> but that he would continue his job as President of Interpol. In this respect he told us that he is presently heavily engaged in planning for the building of the new Interpol headquarters which will be located in a suburb of Paris. He also told us that he believes that if Egon Bahr and Herbert Wehner continue in the same vein as heretofore, they will steer Germany into irreparable disasters. He also believes that Minister Horst Ehmke seems to be very ill at ease lately and seems to be worried about the future. (Dickopf wasn't quite clear whether he was worried about his own future or the future of the present government.) Dickopf did not elaborate on these statements nor did we press him since he is a man of great prejudices in the political field. Just before leaving the undersigned reminded him of various information he promised to give the undersigned several months ago and he said he would call him at the earliest opportunity. As of this writing he has not called.</p>		

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